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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Daniel Murray
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Air Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue, Suite 1275
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: Particulate Matter 2.5, Section 103 Cooperative
Agreement PM98577304-1
End of Project Review


Dear Mr. Murray:

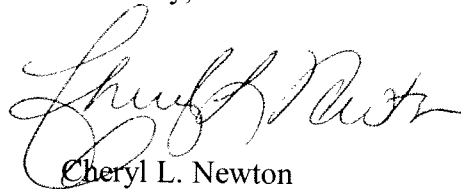
In April 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) entered into a two-year cooperative agreement for the purpose of operating Particulate Matter (PM) 2.5 monitors in Indiana. As this effort has been programmatically completed, we wish to thank you for your work under this award and summarize your accomplishments. My staff has reviewed and accepted the final performance report required, pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations 31.40. This report covers the period, April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2008.

We are pleased with the progress IDEM has made in its participation in PM2.5 monitoring activities. IDEM's staff has performed its sampling and monitoring activities according to EPA guidance. IDEM has met its capture-rate goals. PM2.5 data has been submitted by IDEM into the Air Quality System within the acceptable time limits. Also, IDEM has provided daily PM2.5 air quality data to citizens through the local media and its web site. Budget and fiscal reports have been submitted according to schedule.

In summary, we feel that our partnership with IDEM, including the implementation of this PM2.5 cooperative agreement, has improved our efforts to ensure the best possible air quality for citizens in Indiana. Although this two-year project has formally ended, we have awarded a continuation grant for PM2.5 activities, and we look forward to the opportunity to continue to support your efforts to provide improved air quality in Indiana.

Should you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Sharleen Getschman at 312-353-3486 or getschman.sharleen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl L. Newton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cheryl" being more prominent.

Cheryl L. Newton
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